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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e)(1)

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit this Information Disclosure Statement and PTO Form 1449 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98 in order to comply with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56. Specifically, the references cited in this Information Disclosure Statement were cited during the prosecution of a related German patent application. A copy of the German Office Action, an English translation thereof, and the references cited therein, are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

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rejection or Notice of Allowance, and Applicants have paid the necessary fee. Applicants request that the fee, estimated to be \$230.00, and any deficiency be charged to the Attorneys' Deposit Account No. 19-4709. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider and make the references of record in the subject application.

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